

Please do not allow the Content Providers to govern the technology industry. As a small business owner in technology, I am watching politically powerful entities demand control over new businesses. The public spectrum should remain public. If the existing companies will not provide content in HDTV, then other companies will. I love HDTV, but I fear stagnation in technology if the "broadcast flag" is adapted on public airwaves.

I also fear control of public record. If I want to record a live event (whether it be sports, politics, the news), I am concerned that commercial interests will prevent the original version from being seen again.

You cannot get the Devil's Advocate DVD without the digitally modified affect at the end that shows a different background (and is confusing) because of copyright issues. That is okay for movies, but I am concerned with things like public debates with boos edited, and other attempts to change history.

There is more at stake than threats to DVD/syndication sales.

If they choose to provide content for free over the public airwaves, the public should be allowed to do with it as they please. All of the broadcast network companies own cable stations. If they want their content protected, they can provide it on their cable stations.